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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Commissioner For Patents P.O.Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Official Action of March 13, 2003, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on June 13, 2003. Submitted with the present response is a Request for Extension of Time of one month, thereby extending the time for responding to the Office Action to July 14, 2003 (July 13 being a Sunday), pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.7. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action in view of the herein-contained amendments and remarks.